

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Salem Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

BAPTIST CHURCH, NEAR JERRIORSVILLE, PIKE CO., ALA.,

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LIBERTY CHURCH, NEAR FARRIORVILLE, Oct. 4, 1862.

The *Introductory Sermon* was delivered by Bro. Wm. McCarra at 11 o'clock A. M., on *Fraternal Affection*: Text—"A new commandment I give unto you; that ye love one another."—John 13th chapter and 34th verse.

An intermission of thirty minutes followed, and the messengers met in the Meeting House for organization, whilst Bros. N. M. Eley, and P. M. Calloway occupied the stand.

Bro. J. J. Pitts, former Moderator, took the chair; and after singing a hymn, called on Bro. J. J. Macon to lead in prayer. Letters were handed in by the Messengers and read by Bros. G. M. Dews, and R. W. Priest. Re-elected the former officers, viz: J. J. Pitts, Moderator; J. T. S. Park, Clerk; and M. M. Dennis, Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

After an expression of thanks to the body for the continued honor conferred on him, the Moderator announced the following *Standing Committees*:

On Religious Services.—W. B. Williams, F. E. Boykin, J. R. Macon, with the Pastor and Deacons of Liberty Church.

On Business.—L. E. Macon, Joseph McAfee, John Bean, and T. S. Youngblood.

On Nominations.—J. C. Moore, Joseph Mickler, H. Talbot, and J. W. Barron.

On Documents.—W. H. C. Perkins, I. M. Wood, Wm. Pritchett, and F. E. Boykin.

On Finance.—J. M. Sinquefield, J. O. Pitts, C. M. Carlisle, Charles Crawley, and R. W. Priest.

On Bible Cause.—R. W. Priest, William Pritchett, and E. M. Brooks.

On Fomestic Missions.—A. N. Worthy, H. S. Urquhart, Jason Carlisle, and J. J. Macon.

On Foreign Missions.—J. M. Chappel, J. B. Hough, W. G. Williams, and D. Youngblood.

On Sabbath School.—W. G. Williams, M. M. Dennis, Chas. Crawley, and J. R. Silsbee.

On Indian Missions.—J. T. S. Park, R. W. Priest, A. N. Worthy.

CORRESPONDENTS RECEIVED.

The call for correspondents met a response from Bros. M. B. Hardin, N. M. Eley, Joseph E. Wood, and M. Peters, of the Tuskegee Association.

Bros. Wm. Lee, G. W. Evans, P. M. Calleway, and J. Alams, appeared from the *Eufaula Association*; and Bro. H. C. Hooten from the *Alabama Association*.

Bro. W. H. McIntosh, President of the Board of Domestic missions, S. B. C., was officially recognized, and welcomed to a seat in the body.

Adjourned until Monday morning 8 1-2 o'clock, Bro. Wm. Pritchett leading in prayer.

SABBATH DAY'S EXERCISES.

At 11 o'clock A. M., Bro. M. B. Harden, preached at the stand on *Christianity Symbolized*; Bro. W. H. McIntosh, at the same hour, preached in the house on the *Reward of Benevolence*. Collections for Army Missions were taken up at the close of the services, amounting at both places to \$140.00.

In the afternoon Bro. W. H. C. Perkins, preached on the *Way of Salvation*. Large and attentive congregations waited on the ministration of "the word" during the day.

MONDAY MORNING 8 1-2 o'clock.

Bro. J. M. Chappel led in prayer at the opening of this morning's session.

Read the Minutes, called the list of Messengers, and made corrections; and read the decorum.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED.

To Tuskegee Association at Liberty Church, near Opelika, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September next; Bros. W. B. Williams, J. T. S. Park, R. W. Priest, Charles Crawley, and I. M. Wood.

To Eufaula Association, at Centre Ridge Church, near Mount Andrew, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September next. Bros. J. M. Sinquefield, R. W. Priest, T. S. Youngblood, J. O. Pitts, N. Baker, A. Greene, W. H. C. Perkins, J. J. Pitts, H. Talbot, and Charles Crawley.

To Alabama Association, at Greenville, commencing on next Friday, Bros. H. Talbot, T. S. Youngblood, S. L. Dickson, J. A. Marrett, and D. P. J. Murphy.

To Leon Association, at Leon, Covington county, beginning on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in this month, Bros. W. G. Williams, J. J. Macon, D. Rowe, E. M. Brooks, and J. C. Rotten.

To West Florida Association, near Orange Hill, beginning on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in this month, Bros. William Pritchett, J. Danner, J. J. Macon, I. M. Wood, and C. H. Kyzer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The committee on Domestic Missions reported—see Appendix A, whereupon the following resolutions were introduced:

Resolved, That Salem Association will sustain a Minister of Jesus, in preaching the Gospel to our soldiers in the army.

Resolved, That the Executive committee employ at *their earliest opportunity*, a suitable Minister for this work, and draw on the Treasurer for his support.

Pending the adoption of this report and the resolutions, Brothers McIntosh, Worthy and Park, addressed the body on the subject of *Army Missions* and *Colportage*. After which, business being suspended, the sum of \$608.85, was raised in pledges and cash, to support a Missionary in the Army of the Confederate States.

The Chairman of the committee on *Nominations*, made the following report:

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.—D. P. J. Murphy, J. J. Pitts, J. T. S. Park, R. C. Stewart, B. A. Jackson, W. H. C. Perkins, J. J. Cumbie, A. N. Worthy.

Executive Committee the Ensuing Year.—J. T. S. Park, M. M. Dennis, Hail Talbot, A. N. Worthy, J. P. Allred, H. S. Urquhart, Jason Carlisle.

To Preach next Introductory Sermon.—D. P. J. Murphy, J. J. Macon, Alternate. JAS. C. MOORE, Chm'n.

The report on *Indian Missions* was read and adopted, whereupon the Executive committee was instructed to reserve \$250.00 of the Indian Mission fund for the payment of debts now due our native Indian Missionary, until we may be able to transmit the same to him; and turn over any balance unappropriated, to the Army Mission. See Appendix B, for the report.

Read and adopted the report on Foreign Missions. Ap. C.

The following was submitted as the report on *Documents*:—Your committee find the following items in the letters to which the attention of the body is called, viz:

1st. Spring Hill Church writes that the *District Meeting* for the *Second District*, agreed upon that Church as the place at which to hold your next session.

2d. Shiloh Church letter mentions the death of our lamented brother, Eli Parks, a licensed minister, and one of the most useful members of this body.

Your committee recommend the appointment of a committee of three, to prepare a suitable obituary notice of our deceased brother, to be spread on the Minutes of our next session.

3d. In conformity with the desire of the Churches and best endeavors of the committee, the following *District Meetings* are recommended for next year:

First District, with Perote Church, Friday before the 5th Sabbath in August next.

Second, with Mt. Zion Church, Coffee county, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in July next.

Third, with Mt. Zion Church, Pike county, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August next.

Fourth, with Siloam Church, Friday before the 5th Sabbath in June next. Respectfully submitted.

I. M. WOOD, Chm'n.

TIME AND PLACE OF HOLDING NEXT SESSION.

Agreeably to the 1st *Item* in the above report, the body voted unanimously to hold her next session with Spring Hill Church seven miles South of Troy, beginning as usual on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1863.

As recommended in the 2nd *Item*, the following Committee was appointed to prepare for publication in our next Minutes, an obituary notice of Bro. Eli Parks, Viz. F. E. Boykin, J. T. S. Park and Wm. McCarra.

The arrangement of *District Meetings* in the 3rd *Item* of the Report was adopted.

The *Executive Committee* made a report, which see Appendix D: after which the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved; That the Subscriptions for the Soldiers' Bible Fund be collected as soon as possible, and placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to be invested in Testaments for distribution by our Missionary among the Soldiers in the Confederate Army.

Voted that the Treasurer of the Association collect in money or take notes for all subscriptions in his hands, and that the Executive Committee to whom he shall report, remunerate him for his trouble. Read and adopted the Report on *Sabbath Schools*, found Appendix E.

The Committee on the Bible cause submitted a report which was adopted, see Appendix F.

Read and adopted the Report of the *Committee on Finance*, which see Appendix G.

The Treaeurer's report was ordered to be spread on the Minutes, as found Appendix H.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Committee appointed last year to prepare an obituary notice of Elder John Barnett ask for further time, which request is granted.

Resolved, That we request the Churches in their letters to

this body to give the number of members who have been killed or wounded in battle, and those who have died of diseases contracted in the army, so that the future historian of this body may hold their names in "everlasting remembrance."

Resolved, That the Clerk receive \$25,00 for his services, and that he expend the balance of the *Minute Fund* in the printing and distribution of these Minutes among the Churches, in accordance with the sums sent up by each.

QUERY.

The following query was taken from the table and read, "Except a man be born of water, and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."—John 3:5. Does the allusion to "water" in this verse express or imply baptism, (immersion?)
Answer, IT EXPRESSES IT.

After reading and approving the Minutes, the Moderator made a few remarks, and called on Bro. W. G. Williams to make the closing prayer. The brethren then sung a parting hymn and shook hands, commending "each other to God and the word of his grace," seeming to have imbibed the Spirit of the "New Commandment" to "love one another."

J. T. S. PARK, Clerk.

J. J. PITTS, Moderator.

APPENDIX.—A

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

In surveying the Domestic Mission work, your Committee conceive no part thereof to be so interesting and inviting, as the *tented field*; where our brave Soldier's are imperilling their lives in defending the rights of our beloved country. These heroic men—our brothers, our sons, are almost entirely deprived of gospel privileges, whilst falling every day, and passing to vast eternity. Shall we not send them the "Gospel of Christ," which "is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth"? "How shall they *believe* in him of whom they have not *heard*? and how shall they *hear* without a preacher? and how shall they *preach* except they be *sent*?" Remembering that "it pleased God by the foolishness of *preaching*, to *save* them that *believe*," we earnestly recommend the Association to instruct the Executive Committee *forthwith* to employ one of God's Ministers, and send him to teach the poor dying soldier the way to God.

Submitted Respectfully,

A. N. WORTHY, Ch'm.

B.—REPORT ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

The deranged condition of our National affairs, has seriously frustrated our Indian Mission work. Not being able to obtain

reports from Bro. Wm. McIntosh, (our Native Indian Preacher,) your Committee can get no reliable data from which to make a report to this body. Our Missionaries have been compelled by the Northern hordes to abandon their peaceful work, in most of the Indian Territory, and take up arms, for the South and the rights we all hold dear; preaching as occasion offers to their brethren in arms, on the tented field. From the most reliable information at command, your Committee are of opinion that the Missionary of your body, Bro. Wm. McIntosh, is now with the army. We earnestly recommend that funds be held in reservation for his support, to be paid so soon as any safe transportation may be obtained.

Respectfully Submitted, J. T. S. PARK, Cm'm.

C.—REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Owing to the unholy war waged against the Confederate States, by the Northern Government, Missionary operations in this field of labor have been curtailed. Our sources of information respecting the Foreign Missions have been cut off by the blockade of Southern ports. Your Committee can only report that we must "walk by faith, and not by sight," and trust that the "great head of the Church" will "make the wrath of man to praise him"; taking care meanwhile of his own cause, and those who have "forsaken all for the sake of Christ." We urge on our Churches everywhere, to be importunate in prayer, that "the heathen may be given to the Son for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession." All of which is respectfully submitted, J. M. CHAPEL, Ch'm.

D.—REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee attempted through the Secretary, to arrange for the payment of the salary due our Indian Preacher, Brother Wm. McIntosh, but the fall of New Orleans, and the obstructed navigation of the Mississippi, entirely cut off commercial intercourse with the West. The Indian Mission Fund is in the hands of the contributors, the Treasurer still holding the subscriptions; not choosing to call on the donors for funds until it should be known that they could at once be appropriated to the Missionary's use. No other benevolent interest being prominently before the body, your Committee have not held Quarterly Meetings as heretofore.

We respectfully ask for instruction, respecting the funds subscribed for Indian Missions, also the Soldiers Bible fund subscribed last year, yet unpaid.

With the Bible funds placed in our hands last year, \$42,25cts. we bought 500 Testaments, and had them distributed among

the Alabama Volunteers, in Virginia ; by the Colporteur in the employment of Montgomery Baptist Church.

Your Committee earnestly recommend all our Churches to contribute for the support of Army Missions among our brave soldiers.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. FREEMAN, Ch'm.

E.—REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee regret, exceedingly the apathy in this Association, on the subject of this glorious enterprise. Although a considerable portion of the Churches have Sabbath Schools, others have none, and seem to stand aloof from a duty which God enjoins upon every child of his, called "from nature's darkness to the marvelous light" of regeneration; to *work* in his vineyard. In this department of labor, almost all may find work to perform. We cannot too strongly urge our brethren to heed the injunction, to train up their "children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"; to do which, a careful attention to the morals of their children, and regular visits with them to the Sabbath School, are under God, the most effectual means known to your Committee.

We would recommend every family having children, to subscribe for the "Child's Index," an excellent Sabbath School paper, published monthly for fifty cents per annum, or three copies for \$1; at Macon, Ga., by Samuel Boykin.

All of which, is Respectfully Submitted.

W. G. WILLIAMS, Cm'r.

F.—BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee beg to suggest, that our brethren use all diligence in procuring and spreading the word of God; and in as much as we have *as a Denomination*, no Bible Society, we would recommend the *purchase* of Bibles from the Confederate Bible Society; though by no means would we advise our brethren to become *members* or *directors* of that organization; the history of the old "American Bible Society" convincing us that "*union*" with such societies, will ever prove disastrous to Baptists.

Submitted Respectfully,

R. W. PRIEST, Ch'm.

Report of Finance.—I.

The Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following Report:

Amount received for printing Minutes.....	\$ 65.55	
.. .. Indian Missions.....	230.00	
.. .. Soldier's Bible Fund....	12.45	
.. .. Army Mission.....	187.35	
		<hr/> 495.35
Subscriptions due for Indian Mission.....	213.70	
.. .. Soldier's Bible Fund....	45.30	
.. due quarterly on demand for Army Mis.	562.50	
.. .. for Associational Mission.....	85.25	
		<hr/> 906.75
		<hr/> \$1402.10

All of which we have handed to M. M. Dennis, Treasurer.

J. M. SINQUEFIELD, Ch'n.

Treasurer's Report.—H.

M. M. Dennis, Treas'r, of Salem Association in Account Current,

To cash and subscriptions rec'd from Finance Comt'e **Dr.** \$1402.10

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By draft for Minute Fund to Clerk.....	65.55
By cash on hand in Treasury in 1861.....	10.00
By cash on hand received in 1862.....	429.80
By old subscriptions for Indian Mission.....	213.70
By old subscriptions for Bible Fund.....	45.30
By subscriptions due quarterly for Army Mission	562.50
By old subscription to Associational Mission....	85.25
	<hr/> \$1412.10

I have examined the above account and vouchers, and find them correct.

J. T. S. PARK, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1862.

Ordained Ministers In Small Capitals, Licentiates marked thus †.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	P. OFFICE.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Bap'd.	Dis'e'd	Ex'ed.	Rest'd	Dead.	Total.	O'd M	Lien's	Min. Fund.
Fair View.....	Pike e.....	Pine Grove.....	W. H. C. Perkins.....	S. Deloach.....	Samuel DeLoach.....	1	6	7	2	2	17	2	206	
Indian Creek.....	Macon	Ind- Creek.....	J. J. Pitts.....	C. Crawley	+Charles Crawley, James Norris.....	6	1	3	1	1	11	1	200	
Aberfoill.....	"	Aberfoill.....	"	"	J. J. PITES, Wiley Griswold.....	5	4	8	1	1	19	1	250	
Mr Zion, new.....	Pike	Farriorville.....	William Lee.....	J. L. Williams.....	R C STEWART, J L Williams, J B Grider, A A Brown.....	22	1	5	4	1	119	1	300	
Perote.....	"	Troy.....	R. C. Stewart.....	G. C. Reynolds.....	W. H. C. PERKINS, J. M. Shuguefield, J. O. Pitts.....	8	9	3	1	1	17	1	250	
Ebenezer.....	"	Troy.....	W. H. C. Perkins.....	Daniel Rowe.....	Williel Rowe, Nicholas Baker.....	21	3	2	3	1	47	1	280	
Liberty.....	"	Farriorville.....	R. W. Priest.....	M. J. Bean.....	R W PRIEST, J Bean, +T S Youngblood, J Williams.....	30	3	..	4	1	191	1	400	
Mr. Carmel.....	"	Bruceville.....	"	H T Slaughter.....	William B. Williams.....	3	..	..	..	2	58	1	150	
Bethel.....	"	Pea River.....	Wm. McCarra.....	J. J. Long.....	E. M. Brooks, S. Barron, D- Cochran, A. McDowell.....	22	7	1	2	..	106	2	300	
Salen.....	"	Brundidge.....	B. A. Jackson.....	G-W. Carlisle.....	Greene W. Carlisle.....	3	4	1	..	..	70	2	300	
Pea River.....	"	Pea River.....	"	"	Not Represented. No, last year.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Springfield.....	"	Bibb.....	E. J. Jackson.....	W H Adams.....	Letter, but no Messengers present.....	1	..	..	1	1	32	..	150	
Zion.....	"	Monticello.....	B. A. Jackson.....	R. Dean.....	F. E. Boykin.....	1	..	..	1	1	27	..	170	
St. John's.....	Coffee.....	Bibb.....	William Fritchett.....	S. E. Wilkins.....	WILLIAM FRITCHETT, JOHN DANNER.....	7	1	8	2	2	63	2	200	
New Hope.....	"	Rocky Head.....	J. J. Macon.....	C. H. Kyzer.....	J. J. MACON, C. H. KYZER.....	3	2	2	1	6	45	1	250	
St. John's.....	Pike	White Water.....	William Fritchett.....	S. Stinson.....	L. L. Lewis, J. Clower.....	9	3	3	..	2	39	..	..
Bethlehem.....	Coffee	Victoria.....	J. J. Macon.....	Z. Backman.....	Wm. R. Butler, A. Mickler.....	2	1	1	..	1	16	..	100	
Spring Hill.....	Pike	Troy.....	William Fritchett.....	J. A. Law.....	+J. M. Wood, J. C. Moore, Jason Carlisle.....	6	10	3	2	1	40	3	400	
Troy.....	"	"	A. N. Worlhy.....	J. P. Allred.....	A N WORLHY, W McCARRA, H S Upphart, J McAlee.....	1	1	..	..	..	110	3	200	
Hephzibah.....	"	"	J. J. Macon.....	J. W. Barron.....	J W. Barron, B. A. Craig, W. M. Stanley.....	4	1	..	..	..	41	..	200	
Union.....	"	Henderson.....	J. J. Gumbie.....	C. A. Hooks.....	C. M. Carlisle.....	..	..	..	..	..	15	1	200	
Bethel, new.....	"	New Prov.....	"	B. H. Holiday.....	Not Represented. No, last year.....	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..
N. Harmony.....	"	"	"	J. W. Owen.....	" " Makes principally in army. No, last year.....	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	150	
Good Hope.....	"	Troy.....	J. J. Macon.....	J. Stevens.....	" " " No, in 1859.....	..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..
New Hope.....	Bul r.....	Sal Soda.....	"	"	W. G. WILLIAMS, Allen Greene.....	1	10	..	..	..	23	..	200	
Mr. Zion.....	Pike	Hallsville.....	W. G. Williams.....	E. Calloway.....	David Youngblood.....	..	..	..	..	..	49	..	200	
Lebanon.....	"	Troy.....	William Fritchett.....	J. B. Mills.....	" .....	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	200	
Helicon.....	Lown des.....	Helicon.....	D. P. J. Murphy.....	S. L. Dickson.....	S. L. Dickson, John A. Marrett.....	25	12	3	2	1	94	..	250	
Orion.....	Pike	Orion.....	J. F. Hooten.....	M. M. Dennis.....	J. T. S. PARK, J. R. Siler, Hail Talbot, M. M. Dennis.....	2	1	2	..	..	112	1	250	
Farriorville.....	"	Farriorville.....	R. W. Priest.....	P. Hought.....	Levi Freeman, Peter Hough, S. J. Anderson.....	10	4	..	..	..	48	1	300	
China Grove.....	"	China Grove.....	T. J. Miles.....	J. B. Dennis.....	J. M. Chappell, J. T. Jackson.....	2	..	..	..	..	76	..	200	
Siloam.....	"	Mr. Millard.....	J. J. Harris.....	E. P. Salter.....	J. B. Hough, J. C. Rotten, Wyatt Bonner.....	6	1	2	..	..	77	..	150	
Macedonia.....	"	"	"	"	"	194	970	19	9	46	185	11	250	

Notes from Books

LIST OF MINISTERS.
WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. M. BROOKS.....	Buck Horn, Pike Co., Ala.
L. CULBREATH, (in the army,) Bragg's Corps.	
J. J. CUMBIE.....	Henderson, Pike Co., Ala.
JOHN DANNER.....	Pea River, " " "
B. A. JACKSON.....	Brundidge, " " "
E. J. JACKSON.....	Bibb, " " "
S. B. McJUNKIN, (in the army,) Stonewall Jackson's Corps.	
J. J. MACON.....	White Water, Pike Co., Ala.
WM. McCARRA.....	Troy, " " "
D. P. J. MURPHY.....	Melicon, Lowndes Co., Ala.
C. P. NALL, (in the army,) Bragg's Corps.	
J. T. S. PARK.....	Orion, Pike Co., Ala.
J. J. TUTTS.....	Aberfoil, Macon Co., Ala.
R. W. PRIEST.....	Farristville, Pike Co., Ala.
R. C. STEWART.....	" " " "
WM. T. SHANKS.....	Brundidge, " " "
W. G. WILLIAMS.....	Millville, Butler " " "
A. N. WORTHY.....	Troy, " " "

LICENTIATES.

ABRAM BLACK.....	Troy, Pike County, Ala.
J. J. HUCKABEE, (in the army,) Bragg's Corps.	
CHARLES CRAWLEY.....	Indian Creek, Pike Co., Ala.
IRA KENT.....	Rocky Head, Dale " "
JNO. C. KINDRED.....	Orion, Pike, County, Ala.
J. W. OWEN, (in the army,) Bragg's Corps.	
J. C. VINING, (in the army,) Bragg's Corps.	
DANIEL ROWE.....	Troy, Pike County, Ala.
J. S. YARBROUGH.....	" " " "
T. S. BOUNGBLOOD.....	Farristville, Pike Co., Ala.
ISAAC M. WOOD.....	Troy, " " "

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. T. S. PARK, H. TALBOT, M. M. DENNIS, A. N. WORTHY, J. P. ALLRED, JASON CARLISLE, H. S. URQUIHART.